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SUBJ: ARGENTINE ELECTION RESULTS: REPORT NO. 3

1. FINISH IS PROVING A CLIFFHANGER. FRENTE JUSTICIALISTA HAS SLOWLY FORGED AHEAD DURING EARLY MORNING HOURS AND IS NOW WITHIN REACH OF WINNING ON FIRST ROUND BY NARROWEST OF MARGINS. WITH APPROXIMATELY 98 PERCENT OF VOTE COUNTED, MINISTRY OF INTERIOR ISSUED FOLLOWING FIGURES AS OF 0630 AND THEN ANNOUNCED THAT NO FURTHER RESULTS WILL BE GIVEN OUT UNTIL 1100. PRESUMABLY IN ORDER THAT ELECTORAL WORKERS TAKE BRIEF REST AND HAVE BREAKFAST: FRENTE JUSICIALISTA -- 48.7 PERCENT
UNION CIVICA RADICAL -- 21/2 PERCENT
MANRIQUE -- 14.10 PERCENT
ALENDE -- 8.01 PERCENT
OTHERS (INCLUDING SMALL BLANK VOTE) -- 7.99 PERCENT

2. SINCE MOST OF SOME 1142 POLLING PLACES STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR ARE IN BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE, A PERONIST STRONGHOLD, THERE IS STRONG CHANCE THAT LAST FEW VOTES TO BE COUNTED WILL PUT FRENTE JUST OVER 50 PERCENT MARK.

3. NO FIGURES HAVE YET BEEN RELEASED THAT GIVE ACCURATE PICTURE OF
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HOW RACES FOR SENATE AND CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES STACK UP, BUT WE EXPECT LARGE FRENTE JUSTICIALISTA MARGIN IN PRESIDENTIAL RACE WILL BE REFLECTED THERE TOO.

4. FRENTE JUSTICIALISTA IS LEADING IN ALL GUBERNATORIAL RACES FOR WHICH EMBASSY NOW HAS FIGURES. IN CORDOBA AND SEVERAL OTHER PROVINCES, HOWEVER, MARGIN IS SMALL ENOUGH TO MAKE IT APPEAR UCR CANDIDATES WILL WIN ON SECOND ROUND.

5. WITH FEW MINOR EXCEPTIONS, ATMOSPHERE THROUGHOUT EARLY MORNING HOURS HAS BEEN CALM. WITH ISSUE STILL IN DOUBT AND PERONISTS (AND EVERYONE ELSE) EXHAUSTED AFTER ALL NIGHT VIGIL, EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE THERE WILL BE ANY DEMONSTRATIONS (CELEBRATING VICTORY OR PROTESTING FAILURE TO MAKE 50 PERCENT MARK) AT LEAST UNTIL THIS AFTERNOON. MOOD OF POPULACE HAS BEEN SUCH AS TO SUGGEST THAT CALM LIKELY TO PREVAIL EVEN THEN.

6. EMBASSY WILL SEND NEXT REPORT AS SOON AS FIGURES AGAIN BECOME AVAILABLE ABOUT 1100.
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